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**Testimony In Opposition To The Board of Physical Therapy Examiners' Proposal To Expand The Current Scope Of Practice For Physical Therapists Without Authorization From The Montana Legislature**

**PHYSICAL THERAPISTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PERFORM EMG's IN MONTANA.**  
This may be allowed in other states if a physical therapist is board certified as an ECS,  
Please reference the board meeting minutes below:

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**FULL BOARD MEETING**

**301 SOUTH PARK AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**DATE: MARCH 16, 2012**

**TIME 9:30 AM to CONCLUSION**

**MINUTES**

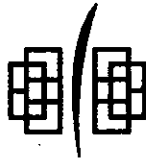
**ITEM # 9: Board Communications**

Mr. Ian Marquand

A. E-mail from Ahyoung Huff, MPT, inquiring whether Montana allows physical therapists to perform electromyography (matter referred from Board of Physical Therapists)

Board thoroughly discussed this question. Ms. Jean Branscum of the Montana Medical Association (MMA) stated that the MMA would see this as an expansion of scope.

**MOTION: Dr. James Upchurch made a motion that obtaining and interpreting of electromyography (EMG) is within the scope of physician practice; Mr. Dwight Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Board directed staff to deliver this motion to the Board of Physical Therapy.**



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The Honorable Representative Ryan Lynch  
Chairman of EAIC  
Legislative Services  
Montana State Capital

August 28, 2015

Dear Chairman Lynch and EAIC members,

Oregon College of Oriental Medicine (OCOM) leads acupuncture and Oriental medicine education in the United States by developing outstanding programs of education, clinic, research, outreach and collaboration. OCOM is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), which is the recognized accrediting agency for freestanding institutions and colleges of acupuncture or Oriental medicine.

It has come to our attention that mis-statements have been presented to the Montana legislature's Economic Affairs Interim Committee regarding the amount of training in anatomy and physiology that graduates of our Master degree program and Doctoral program receive. According to documents submitted by Physical Therapists in Montana, "In analysing the curriculum of the top rated school, Oregon College of Oriental Medicine...the prerequisite requirements do not include any anatomy and physiology, nor do any of the courses listed in the doctoral level program mention anatomy and physiology."

This statement is false. Doctoral students are all licensed professionals with an accredited masters degree (or equivalent) as a prerequisite for entry into the doctoral program and as such they have already completed significant training in anatomy and physiology. Additional advanced content in anatomy and physiology is included in the 80 hours and 5.2 credits of the doctoral courses Biomedical Perspectives I and II (<http://ocom.edu/images/Images/ocomcatalog2014-online.pdf>).

ACAOM requires 510 hours of biomedicine and clinical sciences to confer an accredited Master's of Acupuncture Oriental Medicine (MAcOM) degree. Anatomy and Physiology are a mandatory element, with most schools offering between 120 and 180 hours to graduate. OCOM's Master degree program curriculum contains 72 hours of training in Living Anatomy and 90 hours of training in Anatomy and Physiology in addition to 702.5 hours of clinical internship.

Doctoral admission requirements as stated in our catalog are:

"All applicants must be able to document satisfactory completion of a master's level training in acupuncture and Oriental medicine (or its equivalent) to be eligible for



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consideration for the OCOM doctoral program. This basic admissions requirement means that applicants must possess a master's degree (or diploma) in acupuncture and Oriental medicine from a school or college accredited by ACAOM, or the international equivalent."

If you have any further questions about the quality of the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine's education and course content please feel free to contact us at 503-253-3443 x196.

Sincerely,

Deborah Howe, PhD, FAICP  
OCOM President